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## \$3 million in recreation upgrades coming to Haliburton County

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Four projects in Haliburton County are benefitting from almost \$3 million in joint federal, provincial and project recipient funding.

Upgrades to the Haliburton County Rail Trail corridor; renovations to the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden; accessibility upgrades at the Minden Library, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Lochlin Community Centre, Irondale Community Centre and the Minden Curling Club, and rehabilitation of Rotary Beach Park in Haliburton are being supported through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

At an April 29 virtual meeting announcing funding for eight projects in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock region, Laurie Scott, MPP and Jamie Schmale, MP, joined municipal politicians to congratulate the recipients of the financial support. In total, the eight projects

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### Out for a ride

Haliburton's Erin Smith enjoys a ride on one of the newest single track mountain bike trails for the Glebe Park mountain bike trail network on Sunday, May 2 in Haliburton. Smith said she enjoys riding the trail, Cherry pie, but now has really taken to the new yet-to-be-named trail. The amount of visitors for Glebe Park has been much higher than other years, and some of that is related to the pandemic. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Up to 40 new internet towers to be built by 2025

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project will see between 30

and 40 new communication towers constructed throughout Haliburton County and the entire project, which includes the construction of 300 new towers throughout Eastern Ontario and the upgrading of 300 existing ones, is expected to be completed in four years and three months.

It was announced on March 19 that Rogers Communications had been the successful bidder on the mammoth project, and during an April 28 online meeting, county and municipal councillors

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# Chamber president pleased with paid sick day program, calls for further support

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Representatives from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce say the Ontario government's decision to introduce a temporary paid sick day program is "a step in the right direction."

Premier Doug Ford unveiled plans for the initiative last Wednesday [April 28]. The proposed Ontario COVID-19 Worker Protection Benefit program would pay up to \$200 per day for workers who are sick, have symptoms of COVID-19, have a mental health issue, or need to be vaccinated.

The temporary program is retroactive to April 19, and will end in September.

The sick days, Ford noted, would not need to be taken consecutively, and workers are not required to provide a sick note to their employer.

The move follows months of lobbying from health care professionals, union representatives and political leaders to provide a safety net for individuals who have been forced to choose between doing the right thing and staying home and isolating in the event they have symptoms of COVID-19, or putting food on the table and keeping a roof over their head by going to work.

Andrea Strano, president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, expressed her support for the program last week. With Ontario still in the midst of a third wave of the pandemic, with no real end in sight, she hoped the initiative would be extended to provide relief for workers and businesses for as long as they need it.

"Our position continues to be that businesses, particularly small businesses, simply cannot afford the additional financial responsibility to fund sick leave at this time, which is why [we] support the notion of a temporary paid sick program that is paid for by the government for the duration of the pandemic," Strano said. "Any paid sick program must be fully and immediately accessible to workers who need it, with a quick and seamless reimbursement for employers. When workers protect themselves, they protect their colleagues, their employers and their communities."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott believes this latest announcement is proof that the Ontario government will do "what is necessary" to control the spread of COVID-19, and support the province's work force.

"Ontario introduced the most comprehensive approach to COVID-19 sick leave in the country," Scott told the *Echo*. "Workers who miss work because of COVID-19 will gain three days at regular pay, filling the

gap for people to access the federal support program... [We want to ensure] workers can stay home if they're feeling symptoms of COVID-19."

Responding to Ford's claims that the program was the best of its kind anywhere in North America, NDP leader Andrea Horwath said it didn't go far enough, noting that "three days of paid sick leave will not cut it."

The Liberals were also disappointed, with the party's former interim leader MPP John Fraser telling CBC that many of his colleagues had called on Ford to institute 10 paid sick days, following consultation with provincial health care leaders.

Instead, the province offered to cover the cost of doubling the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit payments, providing an additional \$500 per week to eligible individuals. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau rejected the offer, saying the federal benefit is designed to support workers who don't have a regular employer, or to serve as a stop-gap until provinces mandate paid sick days.

As discussions continue, Strano called on political leaders to take necessary action to support those who need it most.

"We would like to see all levels of governments open to further adjustments of their programs – as they have been with other programs rolled out in the pandemic – to ensure programs meet the needs of workers and the market in the Haliburton Highlands," Strano concluded.

## Haliburton's Rotary Beach Park among projects to receive split of \$3 million in funding

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will receive just over \$12 million in combined funding – with \$4.8 million coming from the federal government, \$4 million from the provincial government, and the rest being contributed by municipalities.

"It's truly an exciting day for all of us in this part of Ontario, and especially us in Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Brock," said Scott in the virtual meeting. "It's fair to say the excitement is because we've all been waiting a long time for this ... Today is the first step toward getting shovels in the ground, my favourite saying."

The County of Haliburton's Rail Trail corridor upgrade project received \$107,250 in federal funding, \$89,366 from provincial funding and \$71,509 in recipient funding for a total of \$268,125. The project includes granular overlay for 30 kilometres of the trail, the installation of 15 benches, 500 metres of barrier, and informational signage to highlight trail history, the natural environment, and trail accessibility.

"These enhancements will provide an improved recreational experience for users, while reducing annual maintenance costs," reads a press release from the county.

The Rotary Beach Park rehabilitation project in Dysart et al will benefit from a combined \$300,000 – \$120,000 from the federal government, \$99,990 from the provincial government and \$80,010 from recipient funding. The project looks to improve overall park infrastructure in repairing the surfaces of sports courts; improving accessibility of pathways, docks, courts and picnic areas and rehabilitating the exterior of the storage building, as well as installing a play structure, a rain garden, a bike rack, an off-leash dog park, and a wi-fi network. A tree study will be conducted, according to project details, to ensure adequate management of shade, soil, water retention and erosion control.

"These improvements will provide an accessible, modern, and safe recreation area for residents and visitors, while supporting various community, cultural and sport-



Almost \$3 million in joint funding to support infrastructure projects in Haliburton County was announced at an April 29 meeting, held virtually./Screenshot

ing events," reads the project information.

In Minden Hills, a Kinark Outdoor Centre rehabilitation project will receive close to \$1.5 million – \$595,320 from the federal government, \$496,051 from the provincial government and \$396,930 from the project recipient. The funding supports constructing an additional respite dorm; improving the safety and accessibility of indoor and outdoor spaces like trails, waterfront areas and classrooms; extending the service life of the dining hall and laundry facilities and providing winterization and accessibility to sleeping cabins.

Also in Minden Hills, four facilities will benefit from funding totalling \$897,000 – \$358,800 from the federal government, \$298,970 from the provincial government and \$239,230 from the project recipient. The Minden Library and Minden Hills Cultural Centre will see an upgrade to the condition of retaining walls, stairs, ramps, the sidewalk, platform, guardrails and handrails around that building. Accessibility will be upgraded at the Loch-

lin Community Centre and Irondale Community Centre, in the way of a ramp replacement and automatic door operator installation. At the Minden Curling Club building, an elevator and air lock at the front of the building will be installed.

"I'm really pleased to have the opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to both the federal and provincial governments for their support of four separate projects in the county throughout your community, culture and recreation stream," said Liz Danielsen, county warden and deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands. "Our thanks particularly to MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott for championing these projects on our behalf. Along with the rest of the province and beyond, the residents of Haliburton County have had and continue to experience some difficult times, and it's really heartening to get some welcome, good news about projects being approved for all of the residents to enjoy in the future."

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# JDHES students emboldened by perceived resistance to adding to mural wall

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Standing in front of the mural wall of athletes on the side of the A.J. LaRue Arena, Grade 8 J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student Cheyenne Degeer said learning about Lesley Tashlin, an Olympian that was raised in Haliburton opened her eyes to what is possible for her.

"That was kind of shocking [to find out there was] an Olympic athlete from this town – a pretty small town – that I never heard of," she said. "I realized girls from Haliburton can actually achieve a high level in sports. Unfortunately, they can't be recognized for it, apparently."

This was her feeling after hearing about Mayor Andrea Roberts' suggestion that there wouldn't be any more athletes added to the mural wall at the last virtual meeting for the Dysart Cultural Resource Committee, which concluded with the formation of a sub-committee to investigate the possibility of adding athletes.

Cheyenne said she was in disbelief about the resistance and had felt her dream to be added to the wall for her potential future achievements end with the discouraging comments from the mayor.

She remembers thinking, "What about me?"

Cheyenne is part of the Grade 7 and 8 class, who have been working to add Black athletes, Tashlin and former CFLer Taly Williams to the A.J. LaRue Arena mural. Currently, there are five paintings, depicting five white, male athletes.

She said before learning about Tashlin, the mural wall wasn't something she had



Grade 8 student Cheyenne Degeer, who is part of the JDHES class that was working to add murals of Olympian Lesley Tashlin and former CFLer Taly Williams to the side of A.J. LaRue arena, was upset after hearing the suggestion from the Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts that there may not be any more athletes added. Since Cheyenne learned about Tashlin's achievements, she has dreamed of the possibility of also being added to the wall. The class is asking people, who are out during essential travel trips, to take selfies in front of the mural wall and post it with #OurMurality #HerTrackHisField on Instagram to raise awareness and show support for the cause. /DARREN LUM Staff

thought too much about.

The teen doesn't discount the achievement of the athletes currently on the wall, but recognizes there are additional challenges that face women in sport.

"Obviously it's not easy to make the NHL, but they didn't have to go through what women in sports had to go through," she said.

The class is asking local residents who may be out during essential travel trips, to take selfies in front of the mural wall with #OurMurality #HerTrackHisField

and post it to Instagram.

Marina Thomazo, a teacher at JDHES, said the social media push was about empowering her students, who are on social media platforms already, challenging one another through media platform TikTok.

"Well, I said, let's do something different. So I just wanted the kids to not think about their worries, just think about something we could achieve together like a main goal that [isn't only] focused on all the negative things we hear in the news,

because that's all we hear. It's just challenging them to try to create awareness that this is what we're trying to accomplish and those kids are young. They could make a difference," she said.

Thomazo said after the first council meeting about the proposal to add the athletes to the wall the students were discouraged, but after the Cultural Resource Committee meeting there was a resolve to work harder.

"I even had one girl that cried because she thought they don't want this to happen, but this time they felt challenged. Like, OK, we proved they are from here. We have proven also that they achieved ... and they still do not want to accept or do not want to move ahead. They felt challenged and, OK, what's next? That's the social media piece that came that we need to do that challenge on Instagram."

From the students' perspective, if it's about money, they're willing to do the work to raise the \$20,000 sum expected to cover expenses for a mural with a GoFundMe, the teacher said.

Thomazo said the Cultural Resource Committee meeting, from her perspective, didn't start well. She took exception to the mayor's comments and felt really sad for her students, who expressed their disappointment, but have since been emboldened to work harder.

For students and youth like Cheyenne this effort is not just about adding athletes, as it is about recognizing and inspiring others like her.

"I've never been able to drive past the arena and look at a girl and be able to say girls can achieve something in this town. And I think that would be really special," she said.



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# Public concern, organizations offer input for Centre Lake development proposal

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The virtual open house for the proposed disposition of the crown reserve abutting Centre Lake for shoreline subdivisions and cottage lot development last week on April 27 was met with opposition from various stakeholders in the Highlands East area.

Granite Shores, the developers, are seeking a Crown Land Use Policy Amendment to the 200-foot of crown reserve, which is required to “create a new land use area, change the boundary of a land use area, or change existing area-specific land use policy.” They approached the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry about purchasing the land so they can create an extension to property they own on Centre Lake, which they want to include with a proposed development.

“The 200-foot crown shoreline reserve is governed by the policies of Multiple Resource Engagement Area G340, which do no permit dispositions for cottaging,” as outlined by the MNRF.

The Granite Shores development will include 28 freehold seasonal cottage lots, one tourist commercial resort and wellness block, including a two-storey resort building with 60 suites and one single-storey spa/wellness centre, one space block, one highway commercial block, and a public hiking trail. It will proceed with or without the disposition since Granite Shores owns the land east, adjacent to the crown reserve abutting Centre Lake.

Highlands East planner Chris Jones said the public meeting was held as part of the process under the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas, or CLUPA, which is

according to the MNRF a “repository and authoritative source of area-specific crown land use direction.”

“In order for the ministry to consider that request, that request needs to be aligned with or permitted under the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas and the crown land policy does not allow conveyances of crown land in whole or part in our particular area of Haliburton. This aspect, or this meeting really relates to the ministry initiative to consult, seek out public comments and opinions with respect to an amendment process to the crown land use policy atlas,” he said.

Jones referred to the 200-foot reserve, or 60 metre reserve as a “unique circumstance” that dates back to the 1950s in conjunction with mining activities and damming related to the lake.

He adds the “66-foot [municipal] shore road allowance, or original shore road allowance” as “something that has been set aside virtually on all near north lakes. It was a requirement at the time of original surveys, original patents to identify or take back a 66-foot reserve as a public road allowance,” he said.

The municipality has the authority to dispose or transfer the reserve, but there hasn’t been a survey prepared. He points out that this plan does not include any intention to close off public access.

Mike Thomas of the Paudash Lake Conservation Association, which represents the cottage members of Paudash Lake, said the organization was established because of the mining activity in 1973 and has historically always worked to protect the lake.

“We were formed because of the mining activity going on in the area. It’s interesting to note that this 200-foot allowance that happened in the 1950s showed a lot

of foresight on behalf of then Department of Lands and Forests to protect the quality of the lake from mining activities,” he said. “Today, our interest here is because Centre Lake empties through Deer Creek into the part of Paudash Lake called Inlet Bay and we have been involved in the decommissioning of the mines around the area for a number of years.”

Other organizations such as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Hiawatha First Nations provided comments pertaining to offering assistance for input related to the process. The Land Trust offered knowledge and expertise on habitat conservation, as part of the potential Crown land sale and development.

Andrew Martin of Cardiff-based Camp Can-Aqua challenged council to represent the community that voted for them to protect Centre Lake.

“It’s very easy to say, oh, well, we had to make this decision to approve it, or it’s the crown decision. It’s out of our hands. We all probably know that’s not the case,” he said. “I think for our municipality to have a hard stance on what sort of development we want to see in our community, I think that takes precedence over any debate or decision that the crown might have. So, I think our input, or your opinion is actually more weighted than I feel like people [are] letting it up to be. It’s easy to say this is just a stage in the process and things like that.”

Martin said when it comes to development, it’s easy to promote the “best assets,” whether that’s economic growth or tourism.

He said drawing people from the city with money for projects like this isn’t the most beneficial to our community.

“What this community needs. What this municipality actually needs is year-round residents because year-round residents creates infrastructure, creates sustainable employment. Sustainable employment brings people that want to live here and so I think the thing year-round residents want, and what I know through my community here, locally in Cardiff and my camp specifically, is that Centre Lake is heavily used by our community locally and it’s an asset we really love and support.”

He said he hopes council will stand up for the community.

“I can’t even fathom what economic benefit this development can give that is so significant that we can give up something so unique,” Martin said.

Area residents such as Dale Watson, who is part of a family that has been leas-

ing property on Centre Lake for more than 60 years, didn’t believe the lake could sustain the growth expected with the proposal.

From his reading of the website belonging to the developer, Granite Shores, is going ahead with or without the crown reserve.

“However the removal of the acquisition of the crown reserve will allow the lake lots to actually abut the lake rather than be separated from the shoreline by the 60 metre reserve,” he said.

He didn’t see what reason there would be to support their application to release the crown land.

“Crown land is the people’s land and once it’s gone it’s gone forever. Centre Lake is a beautiful, untouched lake that offers itself to the local public. Particularly during this uncertain time it’s comforting to know that that the people still have a free place to get away from the crowds and the stress,” he said.

Julia Redfern, planner with the IBI group, representing the developer, Granite Shores, said there are supporting studies pertaining to the proposed development being “viable from a servicing, economic, storm water management, archaeological, transportation, and environmental perspective.”

The findings can be reviewed at the public engagement platform: [//letstalk-centrelake.ca/granite-shores](http://letstalk-centrelake.ca/granite-shores).

From a submission before the meeting, it stated that this proposed development “has been reviewed against applicable provincial and local planning policy framework, finding that it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and in conformity with the County of Haliburton Official Plan and Municipality of Highlands East Official Plan.”

It continues that new commercial tourism services and/or facilities are permitted on Crown land.

Jones, the township planner, concluded the public meeting by saying he appreciated the input by the public and was encouraged by the interest and input, including those that could not appear virtually, but also submitted written submissions for council’s information.

“It is a unique situation. Despite the 70 odd lakes that we have in the municipality of Highlands East this one is unique by virtue of that 200-foot reserve, so in part that is why the municipality is taking this initiative and trying to work with the ministry to inform the decision making surrounding this process, but that’s my summary at this point,” he said.

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## Highlands Opera Studio is back with a bang

MIKE BAKER

Editor

After spending a year in the wilderness, the Highlands Opera Studio roared back to life this past weekend with the first performance in a new online concert series.

From May 2 to July 31, the studio will be releasing 13 newly recorded concerts over 13 weeks, bringing performances back to the most intimate of arenas – your very own living room. The shows will feature popular past and present professional artists from Highlands Opera Studio, as they share a wide-array of musical pieces that are close to their heart.

The mini-concerts will be between 30 and 40 minutes in length, and will cover a range of different styles and themes. Shows will be available to enjoy online at any time during the week they debuted

until the following Saturday.

“During this past year of turmoil, the performing arts have come to a standstill. While we are yet unable to clearly see the end of this pause on collaborative live performance, we want to give these talented young professional artists a chance to reflect and express through their chosen medium, as well as give our loyal audience a taste of what we have all been missing – the beauty of the human voice,” said Valerie Kuinka, general and co-artistic director with Highlands Opera Studio.

The cost to purchase a link to a single concert is \$10, while a season-pass for all 13 performances is available for \$100. The first concert in the series, which debuted on Sunday, features mezzo soprano Catherine Daniel and pianist Roger Admiral.

For more information, visit [www.highlandsoperastudio.com](http://www.highlandsoperastudio.com).



# HHHS accepting patient transfers to help free up hospital capacity

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Two patients from Campbellford Memorial Hospital were transferred to Haliburton County in April as hospitals throughout the province deal with critical care capacity challenges during the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Campbellford, they were having a significant surge and needed some help, and that's one of the roles that we play," said Carolyn Plummer, Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO. "We all basically play that role - in the health-care system and in our regional system - is that we support one another when there's surge happening. It was something we were able to do to help out so that Campbellford could function safely and that we could support to keep the system whole and operating."

As hospitals around the province have dealt with an influx in patients during the third wave of the pandemic, some patients have been transferred to other hospitals to help manage capacity. Typically, Haliburton hospital has 15 beds, but has added an additional six "surge" beds, two of those being in the regular acute care unit, and another four in-patient beds set up temporarily in what used to be the building's physiotherapy clinic. There are eight beds prepared in Minden in case of surge as well.

"The biggest challenge we have right now, if we have a surge, is staffing," said Plummer. "I know that's not unique to us at all, other hospitals are experiencing the same kinds of challenges with staff availability. We have all these spaces in which we could put people. Some of them are unconventional, so we have to be mindful of what type of patients we put in which spaces, and what kind of needs they have ... If we had a surge, we would have to get creative in how we staff those areas, similar to what's happening in many other hospitals right now. It certainly wouldn't be easy and we're hoping we don't have to go down that path. We're ready to in the event that we need to, but hoping it doesn't come to that."

Haliburton County's hospitals do not have an intensive care unit, and so patients with COVID-19 would not be transferred to area hospitals here because their condition can deteriorate rapidly.

"Even to be an hour transfer away from a hospital [with an ICU] is too far for these folks," said Plummer. "So they're being transferred to hospitals with ICUs."

Plummer said the HHHS team has been attending weekly meetings for updates on the situation in surrounding hospitals, and are "closely monitoring" those situations on a daily basis, preparing to accept more patients from elsewhere if needed.

"It's like a ripple effect," she said. "We're a further out ripple, but we're still a ripple."

Earlier in April, emergency orders were put in place by the provincial government allowing

Ontario hospitals dealing with a surge of COVID-19 hospitalizations and intensive care admissions to transfer patients without consent if those hospitals are experiencing full capacity, and to redeploy healthcare professionals who work for community care agencies to hospitals if need be. At that time, more than 500 people with COVID-19 were in ICUs. As of April 30, just under 900 people with COVID-19 were in ICUs.

On April 28, the provincial government announced that in order to ensure hospital beds are available for COVID-19 patients in need of urgent care, it was initiating a temporary emergency order because of the third wave of the pandemic.

"This temporary emergency order will provide hospitals with the flexibility to transfer patients whose doctors have determined no longer require hospital care to long-term care or retirement homes without obtaining the consent of the patient or, where the patient is incapable, their substitute decision maker," reads a press release from the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry of Health's press release notes "hospitals may rely upon this order only when necessary to respond to a major surge event, when the attending physician is satisfied that the patient will receive the care they require at the long-term care or retirement home. Transfers will only be made when medical professionals are confident they will not compromise the patient's medical condition, and where all of the other conditions specified within the order have been met, including agreement by the home that they can meet the patient's needs. Every effort will be made to ensure these patients are fully immunized from COVID-19 before moving."

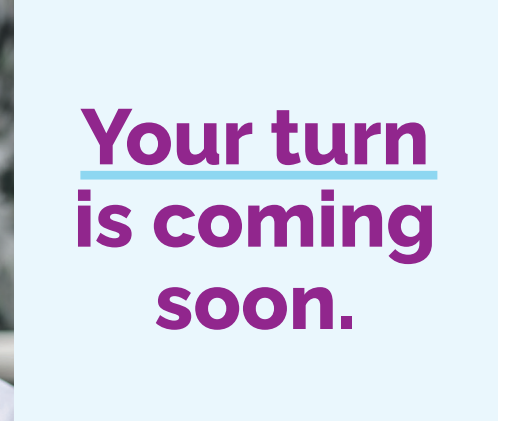
Plummer said anxiety faced by staff has been heightened for well over a year now, and that it is weighing on people.

"Staff are tired, they're getting burnt out," she said. "There's a lot of extra pressure and anxiety. Everybody has a lot of extra steps they have to take just to do basic care right now. Just having the pandemic kind of constantly in your face, and the constant worry about not knowing, because you never really know who might be positive, who might not be positive."

Though a break is needed, Plummer said instead, staff is trying to figure out how they might manage in a surge when they are already being asked to work beyond what they would typically be working.

"For now, it's not letting up, hopefully that time will come soon," she said. "That's one of the things that, for me personally, kind of keeps me up at night, is knowing how tired and frustrated our team is, and knowing that the majority of it has to do with pressures that are beyond our control. It's a tough place to be when there's not a whole lot you can do to help."

To date, HHHS staff has not been redeployed to other hospitals in need outside of the area.



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*Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir*

## It's Mother's Day, don'tcha know

I DREAMT ABOUT my mother again last night. That's right. For two nights in a row, Elsie Beth-Anne Cole McCullough popped into ol' Maybelle's dreams looking oh so pretty as she was – her waist-long grey hair twisted around her head in braids. Her delicate collar all lacey-like. Her deep brown eyes, soft like the cow she was named after.

I was running late to meet up with her and missed her so much I flew the rest of the way sprouting wings, don'tcha know. And then the strangest thing happened, considering she never liked bubbly and neither did I. I handed her a full glass of sparkling champagne. The closest our household ever came to drinking champagne was when my dad accidentally dropped an alka seltzer tab in the bath water.

I suppose mama popped into my dreams because of Mother's Day and all. I mean, she's always in my heart. Always has been since the day I was born until the day I lost her – in a mall, but then found her again and then lost her for good six years ago, don'tcha know. But she's always with me. Aren't you, Elsie Beth-Anne? See that? The second hand just moved on the alarm clock!

Now, I love Mother's Day, because it gives me pause to remember, recognize and celebrate everyone who was or still is a mother to me in one way or t'other ... and me to them.

Sure, we all take turns playing the role of "mother" to our friends when they need us ... or a significant smother ... or sister or brother ... of course, our kids who are either mothers themselves and their kids who might also be mothers. Mother figures include step-moms, of course, and moms-in-law, and guardians (e.g. foster parents). I love this time because it gives us a chance to thank

those mother figures who took the time and care to help us get through many of life's roller coaster challenges.

And, of course, we are mothers to our beloved pet(s). Why, Bogart, my pet bear, has been coming to me for years with all kinds of life-troubling matters. Like the time he had a major crush on Lindsay Lohan and kept emailing her pretending to be George Carlin, don'tcha know. The

problem came when she asked him to send his photo. Now, Bogart being a stand-up-straight shooter sent her a photo of himself, which prompted her to write back: If I didn't know any better, George (Carlin), I'd say you're as hairy as a bear. Well, that just about destroyed poor lovesick Bogart. And even with a heavy heart, he gave me his prize honey pot for Mother's

Day. That made my heart swell like a big out-of-season melon, don'tcha know.

And let's not forget, Mother Nature. Our beautiful, majestic, miraculous all-expansive Mother Nature ... and all the critter-mothers who live in her gardens and forests ... and the birds and wild things that have mouths to feed and youngin's to teach.

Some of us give cards, flowers, or chocolates ... make handmade items or special meals on Mother's Day. Others take their moms or mother figures to the movies, a restaurant, café, or a day in a park. Well, COVID took care of that this year. But the mail still works and so does Zoom and Skype and WhatsApp and our trusted friend, the telephone. Remember the telephone?

So, to all of you who give and receive love on this very special day: Happy Mother's Day from ol' Maybelle and all the moms here in Lake WhaddayathinkImean.

Maybelle's



Fireside stories



Spring sprouting

by Darren Lum

## The wasteland

SOMETIMES YOU have to do something or go somewhere you'd rather not. But you do anyway because you're helping out a friend. And besides, who can resist a free lunch?

Such were Rose's thoughts as they sped along the six lane highway heading for the big city. Rose was accompanying Leah to a doctor's appointment. Leah hated making the drive on her own and had told Rose if she kept her company, they'd end up at the Indian buffet restaurant. How could anyone turn that down?

They had left the small village they both called home right after breakfast and headed south. Leah's appointment wasn't for a while but she wanted to allow plenty of driving time. Years of easy-going country roads with sometimes more wildlife than people didn't make for razor-sharp navigating skills.

Now as they made their way toward the jumble of very tall buildings off in the distance, they were surrounded. Vehicles of every size, colour and make whizzed around them, all heading at break-neck speed in the same direction. Sitting in the passenger seat, Rose thought if something happened to interrupt the flow of traffic, the bunch of them would topple and collide like dominoes.

But that didn't happen and when Leah pulled into the parking spot, both women let out a sigh of relief. The medical building was situated in a large strip mall in a suburb outside the city centre. Rose had brought a book to read while she waited for her friend in the doctor's office. It was a mild spring day and had there been a place to sit outside while waiting, Rose would have preferred that. But there was nowhere.

In no time Leah was done and it was time for that promised lunch. The restaurant was located a few blocks away in another huge mall. Naturally they drove. With the noise, smell and congestion all around them, the last thing either one of them wanted was to walk through it. Car as insulation and protec-

tion – of a sort, Rose noted aloud.

The lunch lived up to the anticipation and they practically rolled out the door, appetites satiated. Leah wanted to pick up some grocery items not available back home so they aimed for the store instead of the car. The store was very busy even for the middle of a weekday and the two friends were glad to get out of it as quickly as they could.

While Leah unloaded into the trunk, Rose looked around. Standing beside the car, she surveyed the surroundings and realized with a shock that she saw nothing but row upon row of parked cars and big chain stores. The flat, grey landscape stretched in all directions. Ahead of her she could see nothing else. No trees, no earth. Just concrete and pavement everywhere.

She wondered how people could live in such a place. But then maybe it was different where they lived. Maybe. Still, to shop, work and travel through such an environment day after day had to have an effect on people. To Rose it felt like a wasteland. No living thing in sight. Anywhere. She had to admit it shook her.

When she arrived back home, it was almost supper time. But before starting the meal, she took a fresh cup of tea and sat

out on her back deck. She noted the pin cherry bush was getting ready to burst into its spring blossoms. And the irises would be showing their purple faces soon since she remembered to spray them with a stinky mix to deter the deer. The mallards had returned to the little pond and Rose could see there were two males and one female so things could get interesting.

The tree tops had caught the golden glow that always preceded the sunset and her whole backyard was alive with light and birdsong and the sweet smell of new growth. Sipping her tea, she thought of the wasteland seen hours before. Maybe it was best, she mused, if people living there don't know what they are missing. For if they did, it just might break their hearts.

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# points of view

## Intervention

I WALKED INTO the house and muttered, "The black flies have started."  
Jenn groaned predictably and then asked, "Are they biting yet?"

"No," I said, "they're just bumping."

"Oh, that's good," she said, as if that were OK.

"They bump hard," I snapped, as I rubbed my forehead.

Jenn immediately sensed that I wasn't myself and so she sat me down, brought me some milk and cookies and said, "Steve, are the black flies bullying you again?"

"No," I repeated, "They're not bothering me."

"Be honest," she replied.

"No," I said, avoiding eye contact.

"Steve?" she said, as she forced me to look her square in the eyes.

"I don't like it when they get physical with me," I answered.

"It's not nice," she agreed.

"No, it isn't," I said. "Now can I have another cookie?"

For the record, black flies don't scare me one bit. In fact, I'm reasonably certain I could take as many as three of them in a fair fight.

The problem is they don't exactly play fair. First of all, they come at you in gangs. Secondly, they are sneaky and fight dirty. Once, at the beach, one threw a grain of sand in my eyes.

And, yesterday two of them pushed me backwards while one of them knelt behind me, which caused me to trip as I stumbled back.

It was their laughter that hurt the



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## Loon Tales

most.

That's why I believe it is high time we started an anti-bullying campaign aimed to change the attitudes of black flies and mosquitoes, before they actually get violent and blood starts to flow. Otherwise, mark my words it's going to happen.

As unpopular as this might sound, in a way I feel sorry for them.

Every time one jostles me and act as if it is superior, I can't help but wonder, "Who hurt you? Why do you need to act out like this? Don't you get enough love at home?"

And then they give me a wedgie.

Honestly, I have no idea why they think they can treat good people like this. We are not the enemy. We are not dragonflies.

Still, if they keep this up, I'm going to take drastic measures like walking by them at a faster pace whenever I see them hanging around at the corner and looking up to no good.

That reminds me, did I mention how I hate their whistles and the cat calls? I'm not anyone's "sweetie." I'm a grown man.

I don't know why it has to be like this every spring. Why can't we all just get along? There is plenty of non-human blood out there. For instance, we have two cats.

Perhaps the best thing might be a good old-fashioned intervention. Maybe it's high time we all sat down and told them how their actions and behaviour affect us. Maybe everyone just needs to let them know that we are not alright with the blood letting. We could then offer love and support and tell them how we worry about their self-destructive and reckless behaviour.

I know it is risky to be the one who puts his emotions out there for all to see, but someone has to do it. And then when it is all over, we can look upon each other as friends. And then, one by one, they can approach me for a fist bump or a quick high five.



## pic of the past

Wilberforce Public School senior class in late 1930s. Back row, from left, Iris Bowen, Ruth Towe, Doreen Croft, Julie Riley, Jim Miller, Keith Riley, Hugh Perry, Royce Barnes and Albert Sanderson. Front row from left, Ernie Tallman, Murray Agnew and Wilbur Sanderson.

## letters to the editor

## Schmale wrong to criticize feds

To the Editor,

Looking for who to thank for the shortage of vaccine in Canada takes us back to the political decisions that privatized all our laboratories in Canada that were responsible for vaccine supplies since the early 1900s. We saw the Connaught Laboratory in Toronto and those in Quebec sold and eventually closed because profit was the main motivation of politicians in the Mulroney and Harper governments. Protecting the health and safety of Canadians also protects our businesses and economy and Canadians were left vulnerable by these decisions.

Without any pharma company to invest or support Canada in vaccine development at the beginning of the outbreak of COVID-19, the only alternative was to work with the Chinese . . . obviously a naïve assumption. Today we have a number of hardworking federal politicians and staff seeking to secure vaccines from all sources. Our role is to get a vaccination as soon as we can and practise good health measures to avoid COVID-19, and all the variants. Federal spending to achieve Canadian independence again for the production of vaccines needs to be a priority. We will continue to need booster shots for this pandemic and research and preparation to manufacture vaccines for the next pandemic.

Supporting a large segment of the Canadian economy, women in the work force, will enhance not only the premium development of preschool children but ultimately liberate women to contrib-

ute their equally capable skills to the economy. Federal support of daycare should be a priority for all taxpayers and provinces to achieve maximum development of all people and a higher GDP as all Canadians experience enhanced development in the early years and the opportunity for educated and talented women to contribute to the workforce.

The dollar figures of budgets are always staggering! However even with this large deficit budget, Canada has maintained a triple A rating by the S & P. With interest rates low, the total addition to debt interest is actually lower with this budget than in previous years. We know there is an unequal impact of COVID among Canadians. Those needing support should receive it . . .

As the economy stabilizes, interest rates will go up. As well, as the impact of COVID is diminished through vaccination and good health measures, the eager house buyers with money in their pockets and low interest rates to achieve purchase will also be reduced. Canada represents good value for home owners and our desire to live in single family homes has been cherished. We are on a rocky road right now and it will be important to let market driven actions occur. Increased land transfer taxes have previously slowed purchases and still play a role in limiting home ownership transactions. We don't need further government intervention in home buying.

Carol Powadiuk,  
Eagle Lake

## An enjoyable read

To the Editor,

Thank you for Darren Lum's excellent story on the Bones of Jim Jones band.

Supporting our people – not just our young people – to channel their pain and despair into creative expression is what mental health money should be doing, and the kinds of stories it should

be telling. It positions mental health with other kinds of health, as something that needs tending to, not a life/death sentence.

Well done, Darren!

Fay Martin,  
Minden



# Musician details her love for music following release of debut single

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Shannon Roszell's love affair with music began, in her own words, in the most Canadian way imaginable.

"My first memories of music were listening to Gordon Lightfoot while driving around with my mom in the car. It's like the most Canadian thing ever," Roszell admitted.

Having recently released her debut single *Gonna Love You*, Roszell, a member of the Haliburton County Folk Society, shares the unique story behind her foray into the world of music. It's one of perseverance, and should serve as inspiration to anyone looking to chase their dream.

Very much a late bloomer, Roszell was 30-years-old before she really picked up a guitar for the first time. Having spent years in school, completing teachers' college, obtaining a Master's degree in performing arts and beginning a PhD program, Roszell decided to pivot. She had just been through a tough break-up and packed up all that she owned and moved to Vancouver.

"This whole thing basically started with me hitting rock bottom," Roszell said. "I was living in a basement apartment, playing my guitar and singing. I had agreed to sing for my best friend at his wedding, so was practicing for that. I would spend five hours a day, every day just playing."

With each passing day, music became a more significant part of Shannon's life. She attended an audition for the Granville Island Busking program. Before long, she was entertaining people on the streets.

Looking to progress even further, Roszell paired up with another musician. Together, they spent months meeting and playing, toying with the idea of writing a song of their own. This was back in 2013, when, Shannon says, she was still trying to discover her sound and figure out how to truly make music.

It was during those early days that Roszell first conceptualized *Gonna Love You*.



Singer/songwriter Shannon Roszell speaks to the *Echo* following the release of her debut single *Gonna Love You*. /SUBMITTED PHOTO

ceptualized *Gonna Love You*.

"It took me years to write it, because it's just this really big topic that I didn't really know how to address or talk about," Roszell said. "It started as an improvisation on the environment, how I feel about it and what we should be doing to protect it, and was like 11 or 12 minutes long when I first recorded it."

The finished article, which includes a music video, is four minutes and 15 seconds long and still very much centres on the themes that inspired her all those years ago.

"It's a sort of post-apocalyptic love song to our damaged earth. It is about the constancy of love set in the landscape of environmental decline," Roszell said. "With this song, I wanted to remind people and governments that we need to take environmental action alongside dealing with the pandemic. We need to build back better, healthier and greener."

The single was released on April 22, which also happens to be Earth Day. Roszell was quick to point out that that was no coincidence. Following in the footsteps of global superstars such as Radiohead, Arcade Fire and Barenaked Ladies, Roszell signed the Music Declares Emergency declaration this year, vowing to do her part

to "help protect all life on Earth." The declaration has been signed by 2,613 artists across the world, with the mandate of standing together and calling on world governments to respond to the global climate crisis.

Roszell is currently working on an album, which she says will carry a symphonic indie rock sound and feel.

"I think that's kind of my own made up genre, because there really isn't a genre that, I found, describes my music very well," Roszell said. "I call it symphonic because it has all these orchestral sounds in it. It's not rock like you would think, with the traditional backing band. There's no bass, or drum – just me with an electric guitar. Combined, it's a beautiful orchestral voicing that, to me, feels pretty anthemic. It's a big sound."

As with most performers, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a spanner into Roszell's plans. She was hoping to release her single and then immediately start playing live shows, steadily releasing more songs from her upcoming album. While those plans have been temporarily shelved, Shannon says she is planning to host an outdoor concert, in some format, this summer.

Where her career goes from there is anyone's guess, Roszell says. She plans to take a pottery course at the Haliburton School of Art + Design this summer to keep her options open.

"It's hard to say where I see this thing going. For me, the more people that hear my music, the better. Am I chasing fame and fortune? I don't think so. The reason I write songs and perform them is because I enjoy making art. It brings me so much joy, internally, to know that I've made music and can share it with people, and talk to people about it," Roszell said. "What I want to do, and what I plan to do is just continue writing and releasing music, doing other things that interest me, and see where that takes me."

As Shannon says, simply going with the swing of things has served her well thus far.

For more on Shannon's career, and to listen to her music, visit [www.shannonroszell.com](http://www.shannonroszell.com).

## Cost to bring more internet towers online in Haliburton to exceed \$300 million

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heard from representatives of EORN and Rogers about how the project would unfold.

The public-private partnership aims to ensure 99 per cent of the area has cellular calling service; that 95 per cent of the area has sufficient coverage to run video and applications; and that 85 per cent has the capability to stream high-definition video. The project has been in the planning and fundraising stages for more than four years, with the provincial and federal governments each contributing \$71 million. Municipal governments throughout the region are contributing \$10 million (the County of Haliburton up to \$565,000), and while initially it was expected a private sector partner would contrib-

ute \$61 million for a total project value of \$213, it was announced last month that Rogers will contribute \$150 million, pushing its total value past \$300 million.

Between 30 and 40 new towers will be constructed throughout Haliburton County, at locations yet to be determined. As EORN CEO David Fell noted, each of the tower locations must go through the local land use planning process, which will give municipal governments some control over where towers end up being constructed. "Ourselves and all of our other partners, definitely have some say," Fell said.

Rogers will also consider privately owned locations for towers, with landowners who feel they may have a suitable location encouraged to get in touch with the company.

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy noted the presentation contained the phrase "major roadway" a number of times, and reiterated that many county residents live on side roads or privately maintained roads near lakes.

Algonquin Highlands Councillor Lisa Barry wondered about research on the effects of radio frequencies on people and animals.

Sameer Sheth of Rogers said federal regulations around radio frequencies were very strict and that the company follows all regulations, adding they were available on the EORN website. Sheth said there was also a resource guide available with answers to questions pertaining to 5G internet.

Acknowledging that better wireless service requires the construction of towers, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said she hoped there would not be too much blowback from residents, and wondered if anything could be done to prepare for that.

Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he thought the COVID-19 pandemic meant more residents were acceptant and aware of the need for better connectivity throughout the county.

"I don't think there's going to be as much resistance as there has been in the past," Ryall said.

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# School board looking into 'clouded crystal ball' in planning 2021/2022 year

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the board of trustees meeting of Trillium Lakelands District School Board held virtually on April 27.

School trustee John Byrne said he has had calls about the 2021/2022 school year and what it might look like after a year of both brick and mortar schools and at-home learning operating.

"I've had calls, both sides of the spectrum," he said. "Some people want to get back to the bricks and mortar. A lot of them love, and I mean love - and I'm talking parents now - the online, versus bricks and mortar education. People I talked to, I always state that as a trustee, our first pri-

ority is to get the students back into bricks and mortar, because that's where we feel they'll do the best in their education, is in the bricks and mortar schools. However, that being said, we don't know what [the upcoming school year] will look like."

While the school board is still waiting to hear further direction from the Ministry of Education regarding the 2021/2022 school year, and also about grants for student-needs funding [GSN] that helps school boards direct the budget process, Byrne said some school boards have asked parents to commit to in-school or at-home learning already.

TLDSB director Wes Hahn said he has met with department heads on a fairly regular basis to hear what is working and what should be done to continue moving forward, as well as gathered information from families through a "Thought

Exchange" survey, with the majority of parents saying they preferred a bricks and mortar option. Hahn said if there was a learn at home option, it would be on a smaller scale, with not as many students enrolled as in this past year.

"We're kind of in a position where we're obviously planning and looking at all sorts of situations," he said. "We're going to be ready to go, but there is a bit of a comfort in knowing, first of all, what the ministry's position on it is - we may or may not hear that anytime soon - and also whether there's going to be any accommodations for it in the GSNs that come through from the ministry."

Hahn said while they were waiting for some information, they'd like to be organized as early as possible and were prepared to put something together to move forward and "create the best learning environments we can."

"We're in a great position to make good decisions," he said. "We know that there's a component of families that really like it ... We do know that a majority of our families are going to be in our bricks and mortar [schools]. The numbers are going to drop in our Learn At Home [program], which will affect a model that we design or are asked to design by the ministry. All those things together, we don't have to move right away. We do like to make sure that schools and staffing are in place so we don't do what happened to schools last year. It was last minute - not that we wanted to put them in that position, but doing it last minute and having them do two or three timetables and rejigging everything in their building is too stressful."

Hahn said the school board was "listening very carefully to feedback on how we're going to move forward," and that whether cohorting was still in place, or a learn-at-home setting, the goal was to "create as minimal disruption as possible."

"I think that's what families deserve," he said. "I think that's what staff deserve, and we will do our best to take the direction of what we need to have in place to keep people safe, but also try not to put too many changes in place. That's a really

hard piece to ensure, but we're going to keep at that to make sure that we take what we've learned this year and allow people to continue to put that in place while we maintain the health and safety, until we get the vaccines across this province and across our areas embedded in what we're doing."

"It's difficult because we're all looking through a clouded crystal ball," said Byrne. "We don't know what's in there. We'll do the best for our students. I just know that some parents are very anxious one way or another, and we'll just have to wait and see what comes out."

## Remote learning in place post-spring break

Following the spring break, which was held in April rather than March this year as per the provincial government's direction, most students have engaged in remote learning during the third wave of the pandemic, said Hahn. Similarly, during the province's second wave of a surge in COVID-19 cases, after the Christmas break, students returned to brick and mortar schools after an extended time at home, in which they learned remotely.

"I think what we've heard loud and clear, and I know certainly being on those teleconferences with the minister or with the ministry, the back and forth change has been very challenging for everyone - families, students, staff - and I think that's, loud and clear, if we can reduce that kind of amount of change and that back and forth movement, we've heard that very clearly," he said.

Hahn said the school board takes their lead from the Ministry of Education and the public health unit or chief medical officer.

"Many times we are having to react very quickly and move into those settings," he said. "It's not a great situation. We don't like to have to do that to families and staff, but that is the course, and that's what we've been facing all year long."

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Northumberland	34	2	823	775	24	14	0
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## Five unresolved cases in Haliburton County

Two confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County were reported on May 3 by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit. Currently there are five local unresolved cases of COVID-19. To date, 21 local cases of COVID-19 have been screened as being a variant of concern. For more information visit <http://www.hkpr.on.ca>.



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- Surrounded by crown land on 2 sides
- Rustic 1600+ SF cottage plus a boathouse



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- Approx 1 acre, nicely forested, good privacy
- Close to public access to Long/Miskwabi Lake
- Year-round Municipal Road access
- Minutes to Haliburton Village



David Lee\*  
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### Minden Home \$199,000

- 2 bedroom home close to town.
- New Fap furnace. roof reshingled 3 yrs ago.
- Easy access needs some TLC.



**NEW LISTING**



Donna McCallum\*  
455-2054

### Drag Lake \$1,125,500

- Scandinavian log home
- 1610 sf, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Open concept, cathedral ceilings
- Clean, clear waterfront, large lake



**NEW LISTING**



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- 2.2 acre lot, quiet country get-away
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- Cottage needs repair



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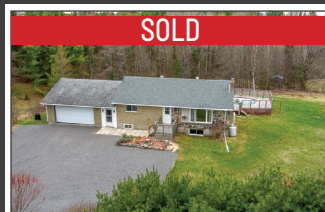


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# Feed All Four fundraiser has 'been a lifeline' for some TLDSB families

from page 10

## School still in session in-person for some students

Students that the school board refers to as “students with special education

needs” are still able to go to school in-person – 74 elementary school students and 85 secondary school students are currently enrolled board-wide.

“We do have staff in our buildings working with our students with [special education] needs,” said Hahn, noting he wanted to “thank them and commend them for their professionalism and

support for students, to be able to move and pivot in the way they’ve done, and in an environment of rising cases across the province, we all want to thank them and appreciate the work that they’re doing with our students ... The passion and commitment that these staff members put in to this role, is exceptional and we do thank them for all of the work that they’ve done.”

Some staff working with students have been vaccinated through the Simcoe Muskoka District health unit and Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit, said Hahn.

“The pace at which they’re going is not the pace that we would like but it’s not [the health unit’s] fault, it’s the supply of the vaccines that is the issue, and it’s been communicated clearly to us,” he said. “We’ve been very vocal, trustees have been and we certainly have been voicing our support of having our educational staff vaccinated as soon as possible and that hasn’t gone unheard.”

## Supporting community

To date, Feed All Four fundraising has raised \$24,000 to support TLDSB families in need during the pandemic.

“At this point in time for many families it’s been a lifeline and we appreciate the work our principals and our staff have done to make sure families receive that support,” said Hahn.

The TLDSB community also raised over \$41,485 last year to support the Terry Fox Foundation’s efforts to research and eliminate cancer.

“We obviously are a big partner and we will continue to be there for them,” said Hahn.

## Next meeting to be held May 11

The next board meeting will take place virtually on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. More details are available at [tldsbc.ca](http://tldsbc.ca).

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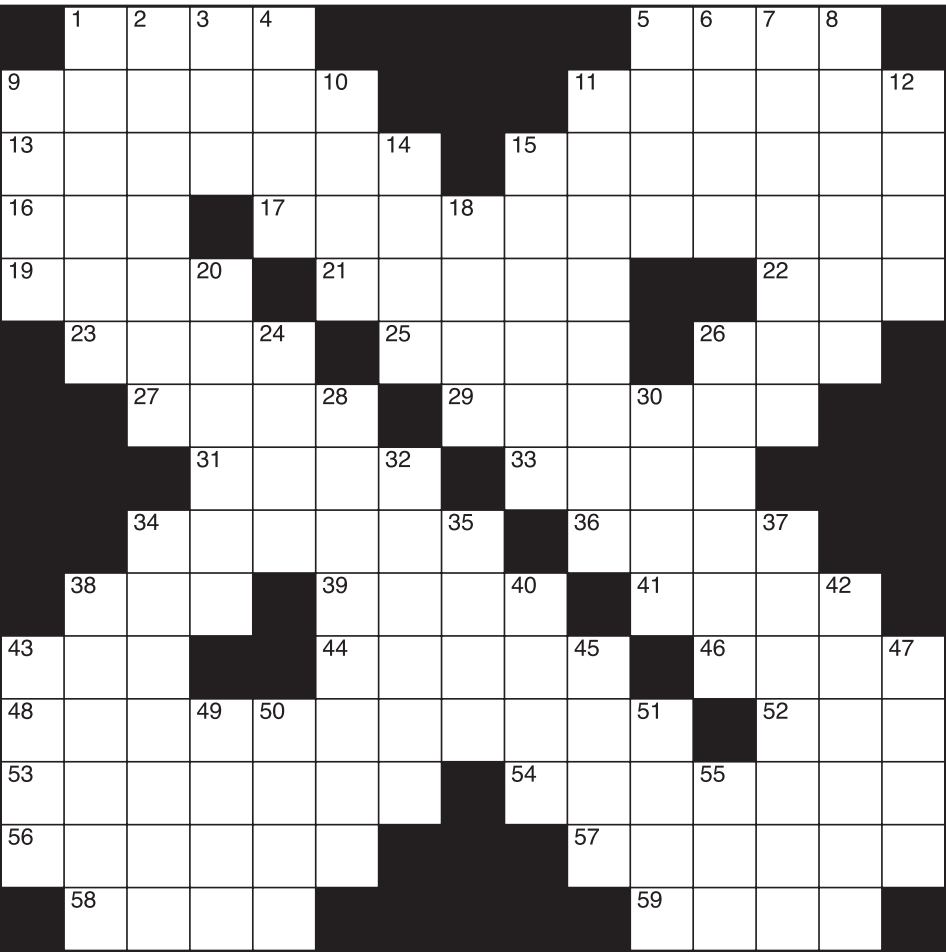
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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Partner to “flows”
- 5. French industrial city
- 9. Diagrams
- 11. Diplomat
- 13. Hires
- 15. Hawaiian island
- 16. Set aflame
- 17. Very happy
- 19. Blue dye
- 21. Small terrier with short legs
- 22. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 23. Northern pike genus
- 25. Expression of annoyance
- 26. Female deer
- 27. Casella and Kellerman are two
- 29. Actor’s lines to audience
- 31. Days (Spanish)
- 33. Close a person’s eyes
- 34. Cloaked
- 36. Comedic actor Rogen
- 38. It’s all around us
- 39. Neutralizes alkalis
- 41. Native people of New Mexico

- 43. No seats available
- 44. Famed “Air Music” composer
- 46. Fit of irritation
- 48. Psychic phenomena
- 52. Knicks’ first-rounder Toppin
- 53. Seed used in cooking
- 54. “WandaVision” actress Hahn
- 56. Samples food
- 57. In a lucid way
- 58. Stair part
- 59. Adieu

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of moth
- 2. A Christian sacrament
- 3. It lends books to Bostonians (abbr.)
- 4. Turn away
- 5. Impersonal
- 6. Shortly
- 7. Indigenous Alaskans
- 8. Subtle difference of meaning
- 9. Sicilian city
- 10. Put in harmony
- 11. Administrative divisions

- 12. As happily
- 14. Horse mackerel
- 15. Muddy or boggy ground
- 18. Monetary unit of Italy
- 20. Construction site machine
- 24. 22
- 26. Tracts at the mouths of rivers
- 28. Earnings
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. Runner-up
- 34. Musician
- 35. Serious or urgent
- 37. Esteemed one
- 38. Where rockers play
- 40. Work furniture
- 42. Greek prophetesses
- 43. Quantitative fact
- 45. Missing soldiers
- 47. Minute
- 49. This (Spanish)
- 50. Maintain possession of
- 51. Assault with a knife
- 55. Holiday text message greeting

Answers on page 14



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

- DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- TIME: 9:05 am
- LOCATION: TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

### Application:

#### Lands of Kennedy/Brind

- Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment will rezone the lands from Urban Residential Type 1 (R1) Zone to Urban Residential Type 1-XX (R1-XX) exception zone in order to permit a two storey accessory garage for storage instead of section 3.1 (f) of Zoning by-law that would restrict the second floor of a two storey garage to a private cabin.
- Location: 623, Lots 52 & 53 in the Geographic Township of Dysart.

#### Lands of Kawagama Shores Family Trust

- Purpose and Effect: The proposed amendment will rezone the lands from Waterfront Residential Type 5L-2 (WR5L-2) exception Zone to Waterfront Residential Type 5L-XX (WR5L-XX) exception Zone in order to permit a boathouse within the required setback from a waterbody (Kawagama Lake) subject to section 15.2.1 of the Official Plan.
- Location: Plan 19M2, Lot 13, in the Geographic Township of Havelock.

Due to the Covid-19 Emergency, Council passed By-law 2020-35 that amends the Dysart Et Al’s Procedural By-Law to permit electronic participation in meetings for Council, Local Boards and Committees. **Therefore, there will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at [mbishop@dysartetal.ca](mailto:mbishop@dysartetal.ca).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior at [korsan@dysartetal.ca](mailto:korsan@dysartetal.ca).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS:** Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

**Dated** at the Township of Dysart, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

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Municipality of Dysart et al  
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# Mass vaccine clinics remain closed across county

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

*The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held virtually on April 28 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.*

Mass vaccine clinics in Haliburton County continue to not be running at full capacity due to low supply of vaccine. At press time, clinics were scheduled for May 7 and May 20 at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre in Haliburton, and May 14 and May 18 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Minden and Haliburton clinics - five of the six mass vaccine clinics in the region in total - were closed last week as the health unit used mobile teams to reach congregate care settings and ensure everyone from the province's priority population guidelines had received at least one shot of vaccine. In City of Kawartha Lakes, the drive-in clinic at the Lindsay Exhibition remains open, while a clinic is scheduled for May 9 in Fenelon Falls.

"This week ... we received about 3,500 doses of Pfizer [vaccine], previously we were receiving around 5,800, almost 6,000 doses," said Bocking last week. "We know that for the next two weeks our supply is increasing very slightly."

Vaccine supply is expected to increase throughout Ontario this month.

"We've received quite promising and exciting updates from the province that the amount of Pfizer that is coming into the province is increasing quite significantly over the month of May, and as a result of that, we will be receiving additional vaccine for our jurisdiction which I think is quite...what we've been waiting to hear," said Bocking.

This week [May 3] and next week [May 10], around 4,700 doses of Pfizer vaccine will be available in the HKPRD region.

"After that, our supply almost doubles as the province overall is seeing an increase supply of Pfizer [vaccine]," said Bocking. "For the next two-and-a-half weeks, our clinics won't be at full capacity yet, but as we move into the latter part of May, they'll be not quite full capacity but certainly being utilized in a way that we had hoped with that increased supply."

Bocking welcomed the additional supply of vaccine, which has been much-desired.

"We are greatly looking forward to that," said Bocking. "I think a lot of the frustrations that were being felt by residents and community members, as well as health care staff and our staff, have been related to vaccine supply issues, and as this becomes less of a problem, then we can ensure more people are accessing the vaccine."

Currently, 22 pharmacies throughout the health unit region - of those, Shopper's Drug Mart, Rexall and the the DRUGStore pharmacy at Todd's Independent in Haliburton - and seven primary care teams, either family health teams or community health centres, are able to administer vaccinations.

## One dose of vaccine does not equal full vaccination

Bocking reminded residents that have been vaccinated that they should continue following public health measures until a greater number of the population has been protected with both doses of vaccine.

"Certainly we are hopeful at the point in time when there's enough people that have received the vaccine, we will move towards fewer public health measures, but until that time the recommendation is still, after receiving

the vaccine that you're minimizing social gatherings, you're staying at home, you're wearing a mask, all of the same public health measures still apply," she said.

She recognized that it was a challenge for people to continue following public health recommendations after the excitement of a vaccine.

"I know that people are excited, to get that first dose," she said. "It feels like, it's a sense of relief to a lot of people. It's hard to remind yourself that it means life doesn't actually change in terms of the public health measures that you should be practicing after that first dose of vaccine. Really, life is the same, it's still staying at home, there's still a stay-at-home order, it's still wearing a mask, unfortunately it does mean not being able to see, in close proximity, your family members yet, and really it's a huge step in the right direction in moving everybody closer to that point where we can start to change some of those public health measures but it's not there just yet."

## Vaccines safe and effective

When eligible, Bocking recommended that residents get their COVID-19 vaccinations.

"What we know right now is that the vaccines are safe and that they are effective," she said. "When we look at other countries that have had broader vaccination, earlier vaccination roll-out than we have, they are seeing a change in their numbers, in their hospitalizations, and severe outcomes related to COVID-19."

The health unit can work with those who might be hesitant, worried about safety or worried about access.

"It's a really important step for all of us to take together to protect our community members, and especially those that might be at highest risk of having a severe outcome from COVID should they be infected with it," she said.

Additionally, to those who might be eligible for a vaccine but are waiting so that others can get it first, Bocking said there is no need to wait.

"My recommendation is that if you're offered the vaccine, if you're able to get an appointment, that you don't wait, that you take that appointment when you can, when it's available," she said. "At this point in time, really we want as many people to be vaccinated as possible, so I think if you're meeting those age groups, or your eligibility is there, then there's no reason to wait, I'd encourage you to book that vaccination appointment if you haven't already."

## Recent cases highest in under-20 age group

Bocking said the highest proportion for cases being seen over the past two weeks are in the "under 20-years-old" group, and then the next highest number of cases are in the 50 - 59 age group.

In terms of source of exposure, a small per cent of recent cases are related to outbreaks, about 7.5 per cent.

"Really, the vast majority is still community spread," said Bocking.

Within community spread categories, the highest proportion of cases - 37 per cent - were people that were a household contact of a case. Cases identified as being connected to a close contact make up 21 per cent of exposure of recent cases, and 32 per cent of cases are those in which exposure what not identified.

## Almost 65,000 HKPRD residents have had at least one shot

As of April 28, 64,953 residents of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district had received at least one

dose of COVID-19 vaccine, with Bocking noting that 75 per cent of people in the 80-and-older age group, and 66.8 per cent of the 60 and older age group have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

"I think that's quite a promising statistic," said Bocking. "We know that roll-out has continued. There have been some challenges related to vaccine supply, but when we look at the numbers, I think our progress of roll-out has been quite good and certainly meets the provincial average right now, if not actually doing a little bit better."

## Golf still not allowed during the provincial stay-at-home order

Bocking responded to a question asking about the restriction of golf in place during the province's stay-at-home order, which has been disputed by golfing enthusiasts.

"I've seen that petition, I appreciate the frustration of the golfers," she said.

Bocking said that the stay-at-home order includes the closure of amenities such as golf to further decrease social gatherings.

"Even though golf as a sport, it's easier to keep your distance, than some other sports," she noted. "My understanding of some of that rationale, really, was that it has the potential to encourage social gatherings so even though, in and of itself, it's an outdoor sport, and it's certainly considered safer than many other activities, under the stay-at-home order it was still closed."

## NOTICE (Applicant - FOX)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ROAD ALLOWANCE ON CROWN LAND SURVEY AND THE ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF KOSHLONG LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

### FIRSTLY

Part of Lot 7, Designated As Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to H13935 Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated July 3, 2020.**

### SECONDLY

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 7, Concession 15, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated July 3, 2020.** (*Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East.*)

The Preliminary Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or email the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

**DATED** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 4th day of May, 2021.

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# Road construction to get under way later this month

community news

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Our councillor, John Smith has put in busy hours albeit at home due to COVID restrictions. He is part of the

Green Burial Society of which approximately 50 participated online recently as they Zoomed in on the various aspects of the problems.

John Smith assures me that roads will be under construction from late May or early June on Kennis Lake Road and past Shane's Circle. New surface work will see one lane open while construction continues. Nila Road is also in the plans for new hard top.

All of us are being encouraged to support local businesses as much as is allowed under present restrictions.



# Paramedics vaccinating homebound residents

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County paramedics began administering COVID-19 vaccinations to homebound patients and their caregivers last week.

As paramedic chief and EMS director Tim Waite told county councillors during an April 28 online meeting, on Tuesday, April 27, paramedic staff began administering shots of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to residents with mobility issues that prevent them from easily leaving their homes.

As Waite explained, on Friday, April 23, his department had a meeting with representatives of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit about enacting the vaccinations, and received a list of homebound patients from home and community care organizations. The county paramedic service used its own list of community paramedicine clients as a starting point.

"We also learned on Friday that we had secured some Moderna vaccine in place for this program," Waite said, explaining a training package had been put together during the weekend.

"We decided that if there were essential caregivers in the home, with the homebound clients, that we would

deliver the vaccine to them, as well," Waite said. "And part of the reasoning for this is, once we puncture the stopper of the Moderna vaccine, we have six hours to deliver the vaccine. So, we can get 10 doses out of the bottle, and if we're really good, we can get 11, and so to make 10 stops in our large county ... we thought it might be difficult to do that in a six-hour window ... So one stop may give two vaccinations."

Waite also explained the department had to have its fridge inspected and tested, ensuring it could provide seven days of stable temperatures before receiving the vaccine.

Teams of paramedics were assembled on Monday, and scheduling completed, and 11 vaccinations administered on April 27. Waite said that on Thursday, April 29, vaccinations were going to be administered to the rest of the clients his department currently had on its list.

"I do expect to receive more clients," Waite said, adding he expected more names of homebound patients to be submitted.

"We have the process in place now, we know what we need to do," he said.

"It's good news, and I know that will alleviate concerns of a number of seniors and their family members," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Daniels.

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# Minden's OHL prospect sees bigger picture after season cancelled

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

A Minden teen is focusing on what he has after learning about the end of the 2020/21 Ontario Hockey League season.

Drafted by the OHL's North Bay Battalion as its 41st overall pick in the 2018/19 draft, Alex Little had aspirations to make the team with a strong training camp.

Earlier this month the league had reached an agreement with the province for a return-to-play plan, but with the provincial stay-at-home order and rising COVID-19 cases the season was cancelled, leaving players like Little disappointed.

However, despite how COVID-19 changed the trajectory for success, it provided the Archie Stouffer Elementary School alumnus with a perspective about what really matters.

"We have to appreciate what we have because my family is all healthy around me. I get to be with them now that I'm back home," he said. "That's a big thing because a lot of people had some tragedies throughout this, so losing hockey for a year, yeah, it's not ideal. I love the sport and I would have liked to be able to play, but looking at the bigger picture in life and still have everybody around me. Being able to be healthy and I can still train, play sports, get outside. I mean all in all it's not as bad as it could have been," he said.

The teen said he returned in the new year to live with his family in Minden and is currently enrolled at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, taking a virtual course.



OHL prospect and past Red Hawks player Alex Little was disappointed about not getting the opportunity to earn a roster spot with the North Bay Battalion with the cancellation of the season, but said he was grateful for how he and his family have all remained healthy during the pandemic. Little, who was drafted by the Battalion, is looking to next season to make the team. /FILE photo

Little had been living in North Bay with a billet family in 2020 and was attending a local school there, and training in his spare time with a belief that if restrictions lifted he would still get his opportunity.

He said he learned about the cancellation of the season

last Friday when everyone else did.

"I got an email from the commissioner of the league and he was the one that broke, saying he was sorry, but the season won't be going this year," he said, referring to commissioner David Branch.

When the season was delayed initially, Little saw it as an opportunity to improve.

It gave him motivation to stay in shape and to improve his fitness in terms of strength, agility and footwork. This would put him in a position to seize any opportunities to make the team roster, if a season went ahead.

He said this was owed to how there was a "lot of talk" about players from outside the country, who may not have been permitted to play in the league due to travel restrictions related to the pandemic. He believed a third of players that would have typically played in the league are imports from outside Canada.

"That opened up a door for me and it kind of got my motivation up because it made my chances of making the team a lot higher," he said.

The 18-year-old has been trained the past two years by A.P.E. Training, which is owned by HHSS alum Owen Flood.

With the time Little has had since the season ended, he's been working on gaining weight and strength to be able to compete with other OHL players, who are bigger and stronger, Little said.

"As the summer goes on I'll put in more work [with] footwork, speed and agility. That kind of stuff," he said.

The team, he said, owns his rights for two years, so he'll look to the future for his shot.

"Next year, depending on what happens with COVID here, they most likely will have another camp and that will be my opportunity to try and make it," he said.

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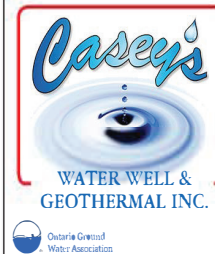
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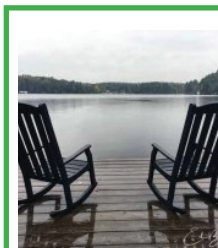
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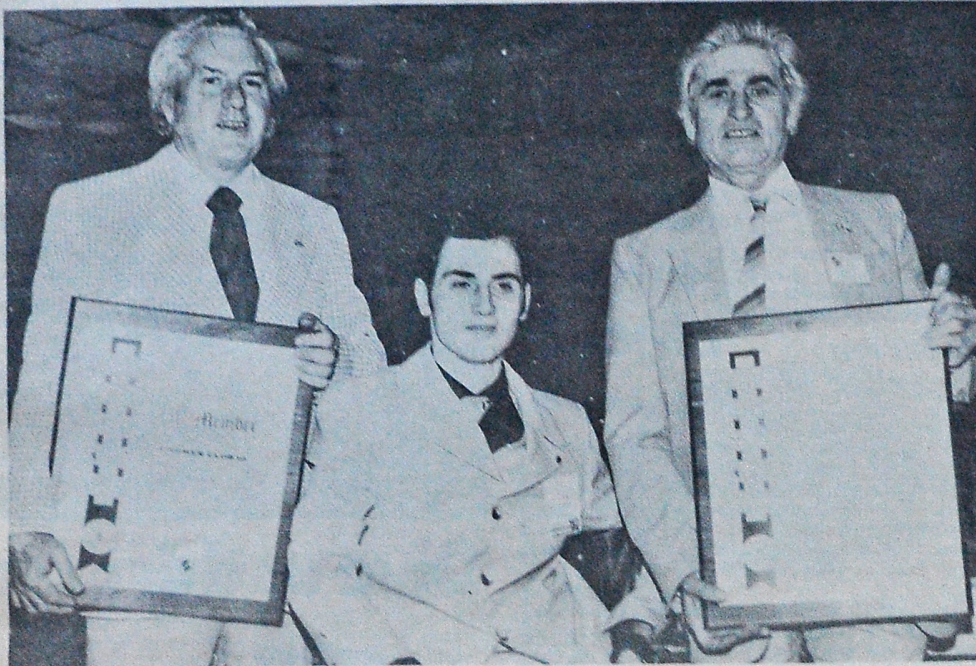
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They're in for life. Don Nye, left, and Pete Dollo, right, pose with Minden Kinsmen Club president Rob Young after being presented with plaques and a life membership in the organization. The presentations were part of the local club's twenty-fifth anniversary celebrations which took place Saturday evening at the Community Centre. The award came as a surprise to both Kinsmen.

## Kinsmen mark 25th - 2 named life members

Minden Kinsmen celebrated Saturday evening as members of the local service club marked their twenty-fifth anniversary and inducted two of their number as life members in the organization.

The life membership honour was bestowed on Peter Dollo and Don Nye. The two candidates were unaware that they were to receive the honour and, while they were out of the room preparing to enter with the head table guests, a banner proclaiming their new status in the club was strung across the hall.

Prior to receiving the

plaques and life memberships, both Kinsmen were roasted by their fellow members. Lyle McKnight recalled a number of humorous incidents involving Don Nye while Eldon Deacon recounted several amusing stories involving Pete Dollo.

Both expressed surprise and pleasure at being given a life membership in Kinsmen and commented that the club activities in helping the community had also enriched their own lives.

Congratulations on the club's anniversary were brought by numerous officials and national Kinsmen

executive, Murray Fearrey, the Warden of Haliburton County, and Deputy Reeve

Doug Pritchard representing the municipality added their appreciation to the congratulations received.

Members of the Kinette Club of Minden presented the Local Kinsmen with a banner on which the objectives and aims of the club were inscribed.

The evening concluded with a dance.

## Board announces school tax shares

The division of the Haliburton County School Board budget was announced last week and, as expected, education taxes in Haliburton will be increasing an average of 13.5%. The increases varying from a low of 8.9% for the Improvement District of Bicroft to just over 22% for the township of Monmouth.

The board's total budget for the year is up 13.1% to \$5,934,000. This is an increase of \$685,000 over last year. Of that total 1981 expenditure, the provincial government supplies \$2,260,000, leaving \$3,428,000 to be obtained through local taxes.

The following chart lists the levy being requested by the school board from each municipality and the per centage increase. The figures in the brackets are 1980 amounts:

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 Sherborne et al: \$314,909-14.6% (\$274,731)  
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According to the board of education figures, it will cost \$2,030.23 to teach a child at the elementary level during 1981 while education at the secondary level will cost \$2,998.02 per student for the year.

## Kayak season opens with Ont. team trials

The kayaking season officially gets underway this weekend as the Gull River takes place at the Horseshoe Lake falls and rapids.

Kayak enthusiasts were in the chilly water last weekend, warming-up for the event this weekend which will help decide members for the Ontario white water kayaking team. The competitions will be taking place May 9 and 10.

Participating in the team trials will be Claudia Kerckoff, a kayaking champion. Claudia is 20 years of age and has been challenging white water since age 12. Her interest in the sport can be traced back to her parents, both of whom hold numerous honours in

kayaking. Her father, Herman, has been the Canadian Men's Champion five times and winner of the North American Championship. Herman also represented Canada at the Munich Olympics.

Claudia's mother, Christa, was the women's kayaking champion in 1969 and 1970 and has served as coach for her husband.

The team trials this weekend will be a prelude to the major white water event of the year at the new run. The Canadian White Water championships will be held June 13 and 14 at the same location with top competitors from across the country taking part.



Waiting tensely on the starting line, participants in one of the many running events during the HHSS track and field meet listen for the sound of the starter's gun. The high school meet was held Wednesday to select competitors for Kawartha West inter-school competitions scheduled for this week at HHSS. For the results of Wednesday's meet, turn to page 8.

## April weather

by Phil Graham

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Average high	11.8	53.2
Average low	-1.1	30
Average for the month	5.3	41.5
Average for April 1980	5.7	42.2
Highest temperature, April 3	21.5	70.7
Lowest temperature, April 21	-10	14
Rainfall	83 mm	3.2 in.
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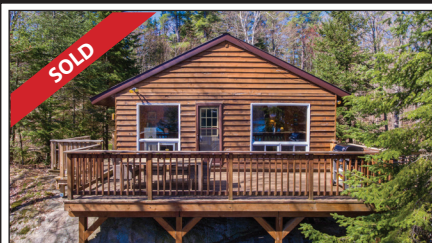
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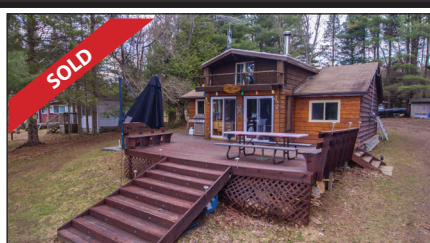
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This 2-bdrm, 1 bath waterfront cottage is perfectly nestled in a wooded lot and enjoys panoramic views of the shimmering lake. Sand bottom waterfront with 101 ft of frontage. Soak up the summer sun while on the cedar dock or on the lakeside lounging area. A bright open concept with vaulted ceiling. The recently updated kitchen is finished with white cabinetry, solid wood butcher block countertops and stainless steel appliances, with a walkout to the outdoor dining area with lake views. This stunning property is a rare find. It will be love at first sight!

**KUSHOG LAKE  
\$569,000**



The amazing sunsets are a must to see! This seasonal 3-bdrm cottage is perfectly situated on a large level lot with 98 feet of frontage on Kushog Lake. Incredible big waters view up the lake located in a quiet bay. Excellent sandy shoreline, great for building sandcastles with the kids later in the summer. Ample space for the whole family. Spacious kitchen finished with dark cabinetry and features a beautiful skylight. Large indoor dining combined with living room and games room. Private docking system and large sunny lakefront deck.

**BOBCAYGEON ROAD  
\$399,000**



It's the perfect 4-bdrm, 2 bath year-round home conveniently located within walking distance to the town of Minden. This open concept home has many recent updates. Attached garage heated with propane heater and enclosed breezeway. Fully finished lower level. Beautiful, easily maintained gardens. Bright and sunny level fenced in yard backs. This stunning home is a pleasure to show and a must to see.

**VICTORIA STREET  
\$309,000**



Have you been searching for an in-town home? We have found you the perfect 3-bdrm home. Conveniently located to all amenities in Haliburton Village. Main floor features a spacious eat-in kitchen, living room with large window, master bedroom and a 4pc bath. Second level provides two spacious bedrooms with closets. Unfinished lower level. The large, covered deck and level yard are excellent for children of all ages. Workshop/ storage shed has ample space for the handyman in the family. Well and town sewers.

**COMMERCIAL  
THE LAKE VIEW MOTEL \$1,950,000**



One of Haliburton's most popular Motels. The Lakeview Motel offers 14 motel rms and personal living quarters. Immaculate grounds and very well maintained buildings. Turnkey operation. Lovely inground pool, 4 hot tubs, horseshoe pit, dining room, BBQ's and much more offered to guests. Personal living quarters with 3 bdrms, 2 baths, 2 living rms and kitchen/dining area. Huge potential to expand on this 3.78-acre parcel.

**VACANT  
LOTS**



**LOUISE LANE  
35+AC \$275,000**

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